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Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 8th February 1859.

No. 16. Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department, dated 26th January 1859, No. 105.

(Vide Diary to Consultation, 1st February 1859, Nos. 9 and 10.)

(Communicating the remarks of Government on the views and observations of the Board of Revenue in their Proceedings under date 2nd October 1858, with reference to the system of Tentage proposed by Mr. Ricketts, Commissioner for revision of Civil Salaries.)

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd October 1858, No. 3684.
In Consultation 2nd October 1858. Read Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 6th September 1858, Financial Department.

(Here enter No. 590.)

The Board consider that in some respects Mr. Ricketts' system of Tentage will be an improvement on the existing one, but they feel doubts whether Government will find it advantageous to supply tents, in supercession of the present system. The only remarks they have to make are the following:—

1. They presume the proposal to allow Members of the Board of Revenue when deputed on service into the interior, their actual travelling expenses is not intended to alter the invariable practice of granting a Deputation Allowance.
2. They think the number of Tents allotted to a Collector insufficient and would propose the addition of a second double-poled Tent.
3. They would place the Commissioner for Settlements and Enams on the same footing as Commissioners of Revenue and Circuit, and the Surveyor General.
4. They would strongly urge that Uncovenanted Deputy Collectors and Magistrates should be allowed Tents. These officers will be required to move frequently about their ranges which will be tolerably extensive, and the Board consider it absolutely necessary that tents should be provided for them. Considering the position these Officers occupy, the Board are decidedly of opinion that they should be placed on the same footing as Covenanted Assistants in this respect. The Board would also deprecate any distinctive rate of Travelling Allowance on account of creed. The travelling expenses of a Christian, whether European or Native, may, for the reasons assigned by Mr. Ricketts, be occasionally heavier than those of a Hindoo or Mahomedan, but when this is the case, they believe that it is true generally and not in regard to travelling only, and as distinctive rates of pay are not admitted on this ground, so they would not introduce them in regard to Tentage.
5. The Board approve entirely of Mr. Ricketts' proposition to allow Travelling Batta to Servants drawing less than 10 Rupees per mensem, and they hope that this rule will be brought into operation at once in this Presidency, leaving for subsequent settlement the rates to be allowed to those receiving higher pay. The Board consider this necessary in justice to these servants as well as on other grounds, and they remark that the indulgence is conceded both in Bengal and Bombay. Mr. Ricketts' proposed rates of Batta seem to the Board fair and liberal, but as already remarked, they do not concur in regard to the distinction on account of creed.
6. The Board agree with Mr. Ricketts that the rule of withdrawing Batta from subordinate Officers when a halt exceeds 10 days should be abandoned. The Tentage rules fix one month as the ordinary duration of a Collector's halt at one place, but they are relaxed whenever reasonable cause is shewn. The Board's object has always been to encourage Officers to pass as much time as possible in the interior of their districts.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary.

Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 8th February 1859:

No. 17. To THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, dated Fort Saint George, 7th February 1859, No. 79.

SIR,

In continuation of the letter in this Department, dated 2nd December last, No. 776, I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to forward, for submission to the Government of India, an Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue communicating their observations on the scheme for travelling allowance proposed by the Commissioner for the revision of Civil Salaries, so far as it relates to Officers and Servants employed in the Revenue Department.

2. In reference to the Board's first remark, this Government would observe that at present when a Member of the Board of Revenue is deputed into the Provinces on duty, he receives a Deputation Allowance at the rate of 500 Rupees a month and no other allowance whatever and they desire no change in this system. It seems to them proper that an Officer so detached on duty, usually at no little personal inconvenience to himself, should receive some remuneration besides the payment of his actual or supposed travelling charges; and they are not of opinion that it is necessary to allow travelling allowance in addition to the present Deputation Allowance.

3. The Board think the number of Tents allotted to a Collector insufficient, and propose the addition of a second double-poled Tent. The Government commend this opinion as deserving of consideration. All the Members of the Board have had long experience as Collectors, and are well acquainted with the requirements of such Officers in the way of marching equipage.

4. The remaining remarks of the Board of Revenue have the full concurrence of this Government; and they desire particularly to call attention to the latter part of the 4th remark.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 105.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 26th January 1859.

Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Financial Department.

Referring for consideration an Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, submitting the views and observations of the Board with reference to the system of Tentage proposed by Mr. Ricketts. (Here enter 18th October 1858, No. 684.)

This Government having already informed the Government of India, in a letter in the Financial Department dated 2nd December 1858, No. 776, that they had no objection to the scheme for travelling allowance proposed by the Commissioner for the Revision of Civil Salaries, it is now only necessary to communicate to that authority, through the same Department, the observations of the Board of Revenue on Mr. Ricketts' scheme together with the views of Government on the points touched upon.

2. In reference to the Board's first remark, the Government would mention that at present when a Member of the Board of Revenue is deputed by Government into the Provinces on duty, he receives a deputation allowance at the rate of 500 Rupees a month, and no other allowance whatever. This Government desire no change in this system. It seems to them proper that an officer so detached on duty, usually at no little personal inconvenience to himself, should receive some remuneration besides the payment of his actual or supposed travelling charges; and they are not of opinion that it is necessary to allow travelling allowance in addition to the present deputation allowance.

3. The Governor in Council commends the opinion of the Board of Revenue in their second remark, to the consideration of the Commissioner on Civil Salaries. All the Members of the Board have had long experience as Collectors, and are well acquainted with the requirements of such officers in the way of marching equipage.

4. The remaining remarks of the Board of Revenue (Nos. 3 to 6) have the full concurrence of this Government; and they desire particularly to call attention to the latter part of No. 4.

(A true Extract.)

J. A. Wilson
Secretary to Government.

To the Financial Department.

Exd. H. M. Elliot.

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The Secretary to the Govt of India

Sir,

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2. In reference to the Board's first remark, the Govt would observe that at present when a member of the Board of Revenue is deputed into the Province on duty, he receives

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Wm. S. George }
7 February 1859 }

Board's Ex. to follow

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Robert Stoddard
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